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Let's experience God's miracles in person ... join us for Outdoor Worship!!

Sunday, September 12 @ 9:30 a.m.

Face masks are NOT required, and we are singing!! Everyone is encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

There will be a few chairs set up and available if needed.

Holy Communion is celebrated. Individual glasses are used for wine; these are available for pick up. Instructions for receiving the sacrament are included in the bulletin.

In the event of inclement weather, worship will be held in the sanctuary; face masks are required. †

NOTE: The livestream of both services can be viewed at holytrinityakron.org, our Facebook page or YouTube channel.

Back to ...

It's September. It's autumn...or will be soon. And that means it's also the season of expected cyclical transition from summer vacations to an academic calendar, from hot and humid to cooler and dryer, from baseball to football, from lush and green to chrysanthemums and colorful leaves. We are all, in some way or another, preparing to go back. But back to what?

Back to school, perhaps. What a joy it was yesterday to pack school supplies for our Robinson CLC teachers...to work alongside these folks with whom we have been partnered for a sixth season. It's has been (and continues to be) a ministry filled with great joy and significant impact for the school, the faculty, the students and their families. And perhaps that transition is happening in your household, too, as our own kids get ready for a first day of first grade...or high school...or law school. All the nerves. All the hopes. All the anticipation makes this a very special time.

But there is a heightened sense of anxiety as we go back to school in a lingering pandemic. To mask or not to mask? To vaccinate or not to vaccinate? To demonize those who oppose our point of view on these controversial subjects or to manage civil conversation even in disagreement? It seems as though going back to school...both this year and last...are a whole lot more difficult than we would like.

Back to church, too. Traditionally, the end of the summer season has meant a return to Sunday School, the reappearance of choirs in worship, and a new line-up of studies and fellowship events. There will indeed be something of the above that finds its way on to the Holy Trinity program calendar. But it's likely not to resemble the gatherings to which we were accustomed. Covid, again, has impacted our expectations for the usual. We will continue to rely on more innovative ways of gathering for worship and discipleship and the community-building fellowship we seek. And we will continue to sort out the science on how best to gather safely in person for those who are so inclined.

Back to normal? Well...that depends on your definition of normal. When I was ordained in 1994, normal meant that the internet was just being born. Amazon was busy selling books. Bill Clinton was in the White House. And there was no World Series because of a MLB players' strike. Social media had yet to be invented. Computers and cell phones were alarmingly (by today's standards) unsophisticated. The current context in which we do ministry could not even be imagined.

All of which means that our own life experience reminds us that we are continually growing, evolving, changing to meet the demands of our present moment...which is where, I think, the whole "back to" notion breaks down. We are never really going back to anything. We are always moving forward into what is becoming.

And that is good news.

As Christians, we know the future that is secured for us in the resurrection of Jesus. We can look ahead...and change with confidence...even amidst of tumult of our current situation because we know who holds the future, and consequently, who hold us.

So rather than "back to," let's focus on "into." We are being called "into" ministry "into" a future that we cannot clearly see, but one that we are confident is secure in the strong embrace of a gracious and loving God. And no matter what confronts us along the way, that God is with us and for us. We have that promise. We have one another. All of which, dear ones, is cause of joy and hope for whatever it is that we are moving "into" next. †



Pastor David



SalonEra, the free early music-focused webseries from Les Délices, returns to streaming this September. The first three episodes of its highly-anticipated second season focus on three radically different facets of the classical music world. In September 13th's season opener, the Holy Trinity's Artists in Residence seek expressive new avenues in arias and chamber music by J.S. Bach. Episode 2 (premiering Sept. 27th) spotlights three performer-composers who are expanding the repertoire for period instruments while taking inspiration from historic compositional forms. October 18th's episode brings together a fabulous group of guest artists to explore the musical legacy of 17th century Mexican nun Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, a visionary poet and intellectual.

Free from traditional programming and geographic constraints, the twelve episodes of SalonEra's 2021-22 season feature an eclectic range of subjects and an international cadre of illustrious artists and scholars. Audiences can expect accessible and engaging music and conversation across a wide range of fascinating topics. With a 50:50 ratio of newly-produced musical performances and enlightening conversation, each episode lasts around one hour, with an interactive Q&A following. SalonEra episodes are free to watch with a \$10 suggested donation. Episodes premiere concurrently on Les Délices YouTube Channel, Facebook page, and at SalonEra.org and are available in full for 48 hours following their premiere.

New this year, SalonEra Subscribers can support the entire 2021-2022 series and gain access to the 2020-21 archive of episodes with a one-time \$125 purchase. Subscriptions for SalonEra and for Les Délices' Concert Series will go on sale August 15th.



September 13: Bach & Beyond - The perennial appeal of Bach's music has inspired many artists across genres to adapt and arrange his music. SalonEra's Artists in Residence (including host Debra Nagy, keyboard maverick Eric Milnes, and viola da gambist Mélisande Corriveau) together with violinist Shelby Yamin, soprano Hannah De Priest, and special guest tenor Philippe Gagné pick up this trend as they turn violin sonatas into trios, trios into solos, imaginatively reconstruct new "Brandenburg" concertos, and even indulge in some Bach-inspired heavy metal.



September 27: Performer/Composers - Meet string-player Doug Balliett, harpsichordist Nicola Canzano, and baritone Jonathan Woody: three acclaimed performers whose multi-faceted careers include composing new music for early instruments. They'll share recent work as we explore their unique compositional viewpoints and creative processes. Nicola introduces the 18th-century compositional practice of Partimento, Doug follows Bach's legacy in composing a full year's worth of cantatas, and Jonathan previews his new work: By much love betray'd, commissioned for Les Délices' Concert

Series opener, Song of Orpheus. †

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artsholytrinity.org

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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 50 N. Prospect Street, Akron

Doors open 30 minutes prior.

For details and updated safety guidelines, please visit artsholytrinity.org.



Sunday, 4 p.m. September 19, 2021

Anthony Newman, Organ

Stereo Review voted Newman's original instrument recording of Beethoven's Third Piano Concerto as "Record of the Year." Described by Wynton Marsalis as "The High Priest of Bach," and by Time Magazine as "The High Priest of the Harpsichord," Anthony Newman continues his 53-year career as America's leading organist, harpsichordist and Bach specialist. One of the fathers of the historically informed performance movement in the United States, the award-winning Newman is known for his passionate, virtuoso performances of the keyboard works of J.S. Bach. Since 1968, he has challenged the slow, unvarying, and reverential 19th century style of playing Bach's music and has helped restore the original energy to the Baroque repertoire.



Presenting Corporate Sponsor for this concert performance.



Join us for "God's work. Our hands." Sunday!

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is Sunday, September 12, 2021. Hosted by the Faith Formation Ministry Team, this day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

On-Site Service Opportunities:

- Stop by tables in Chapel Lounge representing Robinson CLC and DLM Food & Resource Center.
- Make a Card for a homebound member or a client of DLM.
- Make an encouraging note to attach to take-home meals for Robinson CLC students and families.
- Assemble a "Blessing Bag" for our neighbors in the homeless community.
- Take a Tour of DLM Food & Resource Center.

At-Home Service Opportunities:

- Send a Card or note to a homebound member or friend you have been thinking about.
- Pray for the ministries of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.
- Collect hygiene products for DLM Food & Resource Center. (Full Size Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Shaving Cream, Razors, etc.) You may drop of items at the church on Sunday, September 12 or Monday, September 13 Thursday, September 16 from 9 a.m. 2 p.m. If you are not able to drop items off at the church, please contact Rachel Núñez, Director of Faith Formation, and she will arrange items to be picked up at your home. †

Rachel Núñez - rnunez@holytrinityakron.org or call/text 330-634-6597



A First in More Than a Year

There has been a lot of events, activities, outings, and gatherings that have not been held in more than a year due to the pandemic. Not anymore! Holy Trinity celebrated the Rite of Holy Baptism for Isla Elliott Numbers, daughter of Lyndsay and Andrew Numbers, on August 15. †

Pictured above: Andrew, Isla and Lyndsay Numbers.

Pictured below: Pastor gives everyone instructions prior to service.





A Program Focused on the 'Hows'

At Holy Trinity, we believe in bringing Jesus to people through love and the word of God. It sounds like an amazing mission. Full of the promise of belonging, giving and purpose. But it's common in church missions, in life goals and in human thought to ask, "how?" How do we bring Jesus to people? How do we show that love? How do we use the word of God? We've found some of the how's in our outreach programs, in our small groups and in our worship, but it's time to go bigger and farther. With the evolution of online worship and virtual meetings, we have an opportunity to touch the world and we have the tools to do it.

Invite Welcome Connect is a program focused on the "hows." It breaks down bringing Jesus to people into inviting, welcoming and connecting others in the church, whether it's through an online space or in person. We've grown through the challenges of the pandemic and had an opportunity to connect with people worldwide on Sundays and in our weekly meetings. The way we interact as a church family and as human beings has changed. It will continue to evolve. Through need, we've continued to bring Jesus to people over the last year and a half. Using that growth and knowledge, we can now reach farther and connect with people where they are, even if it's not physically close. What an incredible opportunity.

Invite Welcome Connect is a toolkit that we can add to what we already know and already do. It gives concrete steps to empower everyone in the congregation to cultivate intentional practices of evangelism, hospitality and belonging. It

opens up the doors of the church by bringing people in physically and by broadening our idea of where those "doors" can exist.

It starts at an individual level. People don't connect with a thing or a place the same way they connect with other people. We need people to be open to learning how to talk about their faith, how to answer hard questions, how to admit when they don't know and how to create space for genuine connection. We've done some of these things. We're great at some of these things. By bringing all of these things together and by having concrete tools and strategies, we can create a future of bringing Jesus to people, everywhere. We can shed limitations of physical space, we can know how to start the conversation and how to create a family who is constantly welcoming new members. †















Faith Formation



Meeting at a NEW TIME

8:45 a.m. in Chapel Lounge

We will gather for 30 minutes prior to worship for Scripture, Reflection, & Prayer together. All ages are welcome to participate.

September 5

What does it mean to Live In Faith Together?

September 12

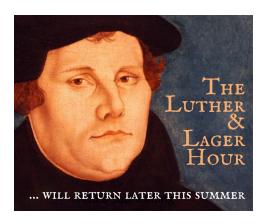
"God's Work. Our Hands." – ELCA Day of Service @ 11 a.m.

September 19

Baptized Servants: Rediscovering others and ourselves in Service.

September 26

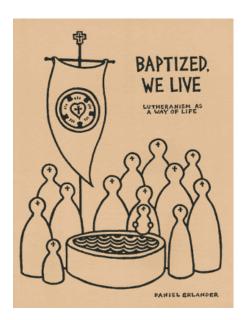
Philippians 4: 4-8, Anxious for Nothing: Finding CALM in a Chaotic World



New Mid-Week Study

begins Wednesday, September 8

11 a.m. via Zoom & 5:30 p.m. in-person (Chapel Lounge)



Baptized, We Live: A Congregational Guide to Lutheranism as a Way of Life by Daniel Erlander

What is the Lutheran way of Life? Daniel Erlander's approach in *Baptized, We Live* is to restore faith as the life-giving center of everything. As water and sunlight bring life to a garden, faith nourishes every sense, every space, every relationship. At the center of the garden of our life is the cross of Jesus Christ...it is here that "God meets us." Our shared identity as children of God calls us into a particular way of life.

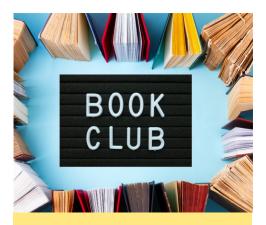
If you plan to participate, please call/text Rachel Núñez, Director of Faith Formation at 330-634-6597 or email at rnunez@holytrinityakron.org in order to receive Zoom Meeting instructions. Let Rachel know if you are interested in receiving a copy of the book. †

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Weekly Check-in during COVID-19

Fridays @ 9 a.m. via Zoom
We gather via Zoom for a time of
sharing, scripture reading, talking,
prayer, and blessing.
Email Rachel Núñez, Director of
Faith Formation, for a copy of the text
and Zoom access instructions at
rnunez@holytrintyakron.org
or call/text (330) 634-6597. †



Holy Trinity Book Club Sunday, September 19, 11 a.m. Rockynol Picnic Area

(Behind the Independent Living garages)

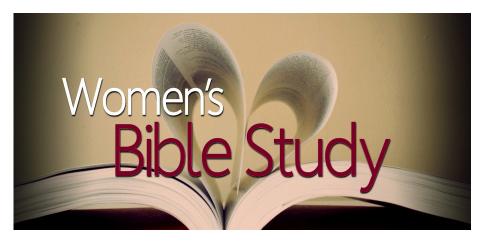
We will discuss

Born a Crime

by Trevor Noah

All are invited to bring a brown bag lunch and join in the discussion. Please contact Diane Chambers or Amy Indorf with any questions. †

NOTE: In the case of inclement weather, the group will meet in the Scharf Library.



Saturday, September 18 @ 9 a.m.

Gather outdoors at the home of Rachel Núñez: 3890 Northview Drive, Stow. Continental breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. followed by study and prayer. We begin a new study entitled, *The Gift of the Spirit* by Rev. Sara Olson-Smith, a three-session Bible study from Gather Magazine.

Session 1: Spirit of God: Revealer and resource

The Holy Spirit might be the most misunderstood or mysterious member of the Trinity, but the Spirit of scripture is not shy. Together we'll uncover the bold, truth-telling Spirit active in our lives. After a quick review of the mystery of the Trinity, we'll read parts of Jesus' farewell discourse, and hear how the Spirit continues to reveal the truth of Jesus to us and to the world. We'll discuss how the gift of the Holy Spirit is a resource for God's people, giving us power we need to do God's work.

Call/text Rachel at (330) 634-6597 or email at rnunez@holytrinityakron.org. †



Hike & Seek: Living In Faith Together as We Explore God's Creation

Saturday, September 11 @ 9 a.m. - all ages welcome, bring a friend! Beaver Marsh @ Ira Trailhead (Cuyahoga Valley National Park) 3801 Riverview Rd. – Akron 44313

We will gather near the start of the trail directly off the parking area for a short devotional reading and prayer together before walking the trail (at your own pace). We will regather after 45 minutes for a brief discussion and blessing. Questions? Contact Rachel Núñez, Director of Faith Formation, call/text 330-634-6597 or email rnunez@holytrinityakron.org. †



Storytime with Miss Rachel Miss Rachel is taking her stories on the road! Schedule and details coming soon!

Something NEW this Fall ...



Solo: Creating Space with God by Stephen W. Smith

Regain your humanity. Anchor your soul. Guard your heart. Go Solo.

SOLO: Creating Space with God is your personal guide to help you craft a day alone, a day with God, a day to regain your humanity and your heart!

In this busy, stress-filled life, the hustle and bustle can leave us numb to the state of our own souls, disconnected from those we love, and deaf to the whispers of the Spirit of God. We can become overwhelmed with the question of how to actually pull off a day alone with God. The truth is, most of us need guidance in crafting our own solo retreat and in working through the excuses that often prevent us from creating space with God. This book is set to become the "go to" guide to help the novice to the seasoned retreatant spend a day with God.

If this sparks your interest, please contact Rachel Núñez, Director of Faith Formation to be part of a study group that will read through this book and then go away for a 24-hour silent retreat in late October or early November, 2021. Call/text 330-634-6597 or email rnunez@holytrinityakron.org. †

Summit Metro

Parks' 57th Annual Fall Hiking Spree begins on September 1 and continues through November 30. Upon completion of the



required number of trails, first year hikers will receive a staff and shield. Veteran hikers will receive a shield. The program is free to Summit Count hikers and \$10.00 for out of town hikers the first year and \$5.00 for hiking future years. Visit Summit County Metro Parks.com and click on "Things to Do" for more information and forms. †

Medical Equipment

Did you know or perhaps forgot that we have walkers, canes, bedside commodes, crutches and several other pieces of helpful equipment. It is all free for you or friends and family use. It is kept in a room on the third floor of the Educational building. See a sexton for the location and if borrowing something please leave a note in the Parish Nurse box in the office. †

DLM by the Numbers

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, DLM Food & Resources has continued to operate and provide food boxes, personal care items along with cleaning supplies, and laundry items to those families involved with Project RISE and others who are in need. Clothing is given to those who inquire.

In August, DLM served the following ...



147 Families



648 Individuals



258 Children

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Top left: Stefan Katz and The University of Akron

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Top middle: Food from Cornerstone Market is loaded

into the U-Haul.

Top right: Donated hygiene kits for families.

Right: Amanda Smith (Project Rise) and UA intern

Alexis Squibb in the Memorial Garden.

Bottom right: Alexandria Bass, Toria Waller, and Joe

load food boxes into Brenda Allen's vehicle.

Bottom left: More food from the Cornerstone Market.







Third Time was the charm!

Holy Trinity held its first outdoor worship service on August 8 (it was cancelled in June and July due to rain). The weather was perfect for this Sunday morning gathering. Thank you to the Drum Circle for providing such uplifting music. †

Pictured above: Folks attending outdoor worship.

Pictured right: Donna and Fletcher Carroll, Rick Kimble and others at the

Outdoor worship service.

Pictured bottom right: Members of the Drum Circle.

Pictured below (from left): Betty Oberdorfer, her daughter, Laurel Heath

and Marcy Nagy.







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Teacher Supplies for Robinson CLC

God's love was shown and felt by everyone who attended the annual Packing Day of teacher supplies for Robinson Community Learning Center. Teachers and staff from Robinson CLC worked alongside Holy Trinity folks to pack 28 bins with markers, crayons, Post-It pads, scissors, glue sticks, pencils, paper, dry erase markers, wipe boards and more so each teacher has the needed supplies to use throughout the school year. NOTE: United Way's 'Stuff the Bus' campaign is providing filled backpacks for each student. Teacher Karen Pruitt and Intervention Specialist Shirley Holiday both commented, "The partnership we have with Holy Trinity has truly been a blessing. Your ongoing support throughout the year ... providing school supplies, hosting parent engagement events, volunteering for various activities, providing food boxes, and more ... has a tremendous impact not only on the students we teach but their families as well. We cannot thank you enough for everything you do!"

In addition to packing the supplies, everyone gathered for a special prayer and blessing given by Pastor David. And thank you to Bruce Mansour and Gary Radanof for delivering all the bins and boxes to the school. †

Pictured above: A group photo of everyone who helped at the packing event. **Bottom left:** Deacon Ruth Anderson, Marshall Thomas and visiting Pastor Matthew Stabe from southwestern PA fill a bin with supplies. **Bottom middle:** Jessica Foutty grabs spiral notebooks. **Bottom right:** Logan (l) and Michael Hunter count out dry erase pocket sleeves.







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September Birthdays

'Happy Birthday' to the following members who are celebrating birthdays this month!!

September 1 – Andrew Anacki September 3 – Melissa Robison September 6 – Katherine Snowball September 7 – Bob Keener September 7 -John Riemenschneider September 8 – LaVerne Mansour September 10 – Joseph Heckel September 14 – Amanda Mormino September 14 – Judy Samuelson September 16 – Janet Greaser September 16 – Marshall Thomas September 19 – Michael Jones September 20 – Taylor Kane September 21 - Gary Radanof September 22 – Tom Baumgardner September 22 – Paul Derrig

If you want to include your birthday in a future issue of the Highlights, please contact Annmarie Demko at (330) 376-5154.

NOTE: This list only includes known birthdays.

September 23 – Donna Darlak
September 25 – Fred Spencer
September 25 – James Wilson
September 26 – Penelope Esworthy
September 27 – Logan Hunter
September 29 – Wanda Clark
September 29 – Elaina Oberdorfer



Mary, Mother of Our Lord Sunday

The commemoration day of Mary, Mother of Our Lord was August 15. And seeing that it fell on a Sunday, it was only fitting to celebrate during worship. Deacon Ruth Anderson leads the Female Occasional Choir in singing *Peace, Salaam, Shalom* for the offertory hymn. Included in the choir are female members of Holy Trinity and friends. †

Pictured above: The Female Occasional Choir sings during worship: (l-r) Madeline, Abigail and Amanda Mormino; Connie Archbold, Dana Eckert, McKayla Ferguson, Deb Zudell-Dickey, Frederica Cohen.

Pictured on cover and here, near the font: The youngest members of the Female Occasional Choir, Penny and Ellie Esworthy, with their grandmother, Debbie Spencer.

Worship Stewards

Date	Readers	Livestream
Sunday, September 5 9:30 a.m.	Tom Baumgardner	Ann Lawson
Sunday, September 12 9:30 a.m.	Frederica Cohen	Bob Foutty
Sunday, September 19 9:30 a.m.	Jacinto Núñez	Bob Foutty
Sunday, September 26 9:30 a.m.	Manny Núñez	Alex DeLuca

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ONLINE CHURCH









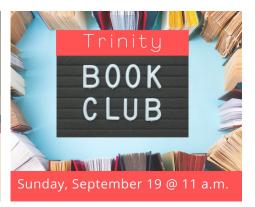






Wednesday, September 8 11 a.m. Zoom | 6:30 p.m. In Person Women's Study

Saturday, September 18 9 a.m., In-Person Gathering



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